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SUBJ: MASIE VISIT TO PEKING

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1. EQUATORIAL GUINEAN PRESIDENT MASIE NGUEMA BIYOGO NEGUE
NDONG HAS VISITED THREE COUNTRIES IN THE COURSE OF HIS
EAST ASIAN SWING. HE SPENT SEPTEMBER 15-18 IN NORTH
KOREA, WHERE HIS WIFE HAD ALREADY BEEN "VACATIONING,"
AND WAS ENTERTAINED BY PRESIDENT KIM IL-SUNG. HE THEN
PAID A BRIEF VISIT TO HANOI, WHERE HE MET WITH BOTH
PRESIDENT TON DUC THANG AND PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG.
ON SEPTEMBER 20, HE ARRIVED IN PEKING FOR A FOUR-DAY
VISIT WHICH INCLUDED A MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-
FENG, TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, A VISIT
TO A UNIT OF THE PEKING GARRISON COMMAND WHERE HE
WITNESSED A FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION, AND THE SIGNATURE
OF A BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC. SEPTEMBER 24 HE LEFT
PEKING TO VISIT OTHER PARTS OF CHINA.

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2. MASIE TRAVELED WITH A LARGE DELEGATION INCLUDING
NGUEMA ESONO NCHAMA, MINISTER DELEGATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS,
WHO WAS THUS NOT LEFT HOME TO MIND THE STORE (REF B).
OTHERS IN THE PARTY WERE ROMO BIRIBE OKEPULA,
MINISTER OF PEOPLE'S LABOR; ABAHA OBURU MEKINA,
VICE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF GENERAL DIRECTION OF

PROGRAM AND PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT; SIMA NGUEMA ADA, VICE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ELECTRICITY; CONTEN MAY, VICE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF GENERAL DIRECTION OF EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE; MBA OYONO AYINGONO, SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENCY IN CHARGE OF INFORMATION, TOURISM AND STATE PROPAGANDA; AND NDONG ABAHA MESIAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CIVIL OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

3. DETAILS OF THE VISIT, OTHER THAN THOSE PUBLISHED BY NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, ARE SO FAR LACKING. MASIE, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO HAVE ALIENATED MOST WESTERN DIPLOMATS, AND SOME OTHERS, WHO ATTENDED THE WELCOMING BANQUET SEPTEMBER 23, BY THE EGREGIOUS ATTACK ON "SPANISH IMPERIALISM" WHICH OCCUPIED THE MAJOR PART OF HIS SPEECH. AS A RESULT, SEVERAL EMBASSIES BOYCOTTED HIS RETURN ANQUET.

4. IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA WATCHERS TO NOTE THAT USLO RECEIVED AN INVITATION TO THE RETURN BANQUET SEPTEMBER 23. WE DID NOT ATTEND, IN KEEPING WITH OUR ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF NOT PARTICIPATING IN STATE VISITS TO PEKING.
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